

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 17-25 are presently pending in this application. New claims 17-25 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

The Title of the Invention is objected to because it does not agree with the Title on the Declaration. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1) a new oath or declaration is not required when filing a continuation application so long as the Declaration met the requirements set forth by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a), (b) and (c) when filed in the parent application. The Declaration, filed currently with the parent application, U.S. Patent 6,785,186, met the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63. In addition, a copy of the same Declaration was filed concurrently with the above-identified application. Thereby, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,412,331 to Jun et al. ("Jun"). Amended claim 1 recites, inter alia, "a second output inverter, connected to the output of said first output inverter and comprising a pair of serially connected complementary CMOS transistors for driving said wordline in response to said latch being sent to said particular state." Jun fails to disclose a second output inverter for driving a wordline. Thereby, Jun fails to disclose all of the limitations of independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

New claims 17-25 have been added to round out the scope of the protection for the invention. Each is believed patentable over Jun.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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